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BELGIUM A RED BATTLE-FIELD AS ALLIES STRIVE TO HOLD BACK GERMANY WHILE RUSSIA STRIKES

Official Statement From Berlin Claims Victories For The Kaiser
JAPAN DECLARED SURE OF TAKING KIAOCHAU BY SHEER NUMBERS

THOUSANDS FALL IN GRIM
CONFLICT; SABBATH DAY
SEES DESPERATE STRUGGLE

GERMANS OCCUPY THREE FRENCH TOWNS.

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

PARIS, France, Aug. 24.—The great battle between the major part of the Three Allies' forces and the German army continues desperately. Both sides are suffering serious losses in the desperate fighting that sways back and forth along the extended battle-line.

The Germans by terrific fighting have occupied Luneville, Amance and Dieulouard, just inside the French border in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle. The main positions of the opposing forces are otherwise unchanged.

The mission of the Allies is to hold virtually the entire German army in Belgium while Russia continues her successes along the eastern border of Germany.

German Zeppelins Are Proving Futile in War, is the Claim

PARIS, France, Aug. 24.—Germany's fifteen Zeppelin dirigibles are apparently inoffensive for war purposes. The forts at Liege disabled one with their gun-fire. A French aviator demolished another at Metz and Belgian aviators report that they saw two more in forests between Metz and Aix-la-Chapelle. Wind-squalls are believed to have wrecked these. A fifth was "winged" by hostile fire near Luneville.

LONDON, England, Aug. 24.—Official announcement from the French embassy here confirms the destruction of the German military dirigible, Zeppelin No. 8, which was reported shattered by French shells about 20 miles southeast of Luneville.

Important Victories For Germans

An Associated Press dispatch marked as "direct, official," says today:

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The German army under Grand Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg has defeated the French at Neufchâtel. The army under General Rupprecht has captured 150 guns from the French at Luneville and Cirey, on the French side of the Franco-German border. Crown Prince William's battalions from Metz pursued the French beyond their stronghold of Longwy. The Germans west of the river Meuse, advancing on Maubege, Belgium, have defeated an English brigade of cavalry.

Servia Gives Austria a Shock

NISH, Servia, Aug. 24.—Official reports on the recent fighting in which the Serbs defeated the Austrians declare that the Serbian spoils include 45,000 prisoners, 53 guns, 8 howitzers, 114 caissons, three field hospitals, a complete medical column, 14 field kitchens, fifteen ammunition, telegraph and supply wagons.

UDINE, Italy, Aug. 24.—A report from Vienna says that Austria is abandoning her offensive operations against Servia and has turned to face Russia. She is said to be now concentrating to meet the Russians. The province of Bosnia, whose annexation by Austria has been a cause of much disaffection and smoldering revolt, is rebellious and a serious internal outbreak is now feared by the Austrian government officials.

Capture of Liege Brilliant Feat

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 24.—As the reports of the capture of Liege come in greater detail, military observers regard it as one of the greatest military feats of modern times. It is so called by the German ambassador who arrived here today. He says that Gen. von Emmich had only five or six thousand infantry and cavalry, and two brigades accomplished in days what was expected to consume weeks.

Gen. von Emmich was slightly wounded in the leg but retains command of his forces.

According to the ambassador, Crown Prince William, who was reported seriously wounded in the Liege fighting, was never at Liege at all, but is commanding at Metz.

JAPANESE IN THE WAR NEWS



At left, Emperor Yoshihito, who is taking a deep interest in the war developments in the Orient, and Baron Takaki Kato, minister of foreign affairs for Japan.

KALIHU HARBOR DECISION TO BE LONG DELAYED

By C. S. ALBERT

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—No decision in regard to a report on the Kalih Harbor project will be reached for some months to come by the Board of River and Harbor Engineers of the war department which has the matter under consideration. The board has asked for further detailed information on the subject, but leaves on a western trip in a few days and will hold no more hearings in this city until late in September when the matter of adding to the capacity of Honolulu's shipping facilities will be taken up again.

The delay is not one which will injure the chances of the project in any way, on account of the fact that Congress will not take up a new river and harbor bill, under which the appropriation will be made, for some time. The army engineers are apparently taking a great deal of interest in the subject and a favorable report is anticipated when the matter has been given further consideration.

WIRELESS OPERATOR SUSPENDED FOR BEING ASLEEP ON THE JOB

That Uncle Sam is making the U. S. wireless men keep up to the mark is shown by the fact that the local radio officers have been informed that a well-known operator has been suspended for six months. A recent notice from the department of commerce in Washington has been sent through the local naval station announcing that a commercial first grade operator's license has been suspended for a period of six months, effective July 29, 1914, "for sleeping on duty at sea and subsequently denying he was asleep."

Those familiar with the McCarn matter is as to whether he will be suspended in the near future or be permitted to hold office while under fire. It has been the desire of the attorney-general to not interfere while Mr. McCarn's case was pending in the courts but await a judicial determination before taking action. Many believe he will adhere to this course unless forced to take earlier steps because of the president's insistence.

THOMAS ARRIVES TO HANDLE WORK FOR JEFF M'CARN

San Francisco Assistant Will Assume District Attorney's Duties for 60 Days

"My instructions are to come to Honolulu and take charge of the district attorney's office for 60 days."

M. A. Thomas, chief regular assistant to the district attorney of San Francisco, thus explained his mission to Hawaii a few moments after he arrived on the steamer Sierra this morning, in company with Mrs. Thomas. Thirty-six hours before the Sierra sailed from the coast for Hawaii, he says, the district attorney's office in San Francisco received a telegraph dispatch from the attorney-general in Washington, D. C., containing instructions to send a representative to Honolulu to take charge of the local district attorney's office during the absence of Jeff McCarn. Notwithstanding the brief notification, Mr. Thomas was selected by the district attorney of San Francisco for the work, and sailed on the Sierra.

Other than to "take charge of the district attorney's office for 60 days," Mr. Thomas says that he has received no instructions from the attorney-general regarding the nature of his work here. He further says that he has not been authorized to make any investigations or to handle any matters other than the routine duties of the local office.

"My instructions explain why I am here," said Mr. Thomas, "and I believe they clear up any 'mystery' as far as I am concerned."

Informed as to the "mystery" here regarding Mr. McCarn's trip to Washington, and the rumors of his having been removed which were connected with it, Mr. Thomas said that a similar mystery had prevailed in San Francisco, and had been made much of by the newspapers there. Mr. Thomas added that he was introduced to Mr. McCarn while the latter was in San Francisco.

M'CARN MATTER IRRITATED THE BOURBON HEAD

Believed President Will Not be Satisfied Until District Attorney Is Removed

By C. S. ALBERT.

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—Jeff McCarn, United States attorney for Hawaii, has laid before Attorney-general McReynolds a complete statement of his various troubles. The two close personal friends discussed every angle of the difficulties encountered by Mr. McCarn during his brief service in the territory. He was interrogated at length by the attorney-general regarding the several reports submitted by special inspectors who visited the islands and conducted investigations, filing their conclusions with the department of justice. He gave his version of all the complaints and criticisms.

The first-hand report of Mr. McCarn was divided into sections. He went to the department of justice immediately after his arrival here and was in conference with the attorney-general for two hours. The following day there was another meeting.

No intimation has been given as to what will follow Mr. McCarn's visit to this city and the series of talks with Attorney-general McReynolds. The impression prevails now as here before that President Wilson is much irritated because of the troubles stirred up in Hawaii by Mr. McCarn. It is known that he urged the most thorough inquiry. It is thought he will be satisfied with nothing short of the district attorney's removal.

The only question debated here by

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JAPAN EXPECTED TO HIT HARD AND SOON; KIAOCHAU WILL BE SLIGHT OBSTACLE

SEES AMBITION OF JAPAN.

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The German ambassador, arriving from Rotterdam, made a statement today in which he says:

"Japan will undoubtedly take Kioochau from the Germans. Her sheer weight of numbers assures that result. When the war is ended Japan will have the supremacy of the Pacific. Japan took advantage of the present situation for that sole purpose."

Japan-China Cable Cut?

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 24.—Communication with China has been severed for the last 24 hours. It is believed that the cable has been cut.

Latest Reports on Army Moves

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Aug. 24.—The best information as to late moves by the hostile armies is that the German right flank is immediately south of Antwerp and moving on Lille. The second division of the force in Belgium is 50 miles southeast of Lille, moving on Maubege (or Mauberge). The third is reducing the fortifications at Namur in order to occupy that point, which is the focus of the Belgian second line of defense. The total of these three forces is believed to be about 25,000 men.

The main northern army of Germany, numbering 300,000 men, is advancing slowly along a long line. This line extends from Givet, France, to Didenhoff, Lorraine.

The southern army's base is at Strassburg and it is attacking the French border defenses around Nancy and Verdun.

American Embassies Hard-worked

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—The American ambassadors in London, Berlin, Vienna, Paris, St. Petersburg and Tokio have been entrusted with the affairs of Austria, Germany, Japan, Russia, Great Britain and France in the respective countries as a result of the declarations of war, all the embassies having been withdrawn by each country from the other countries against which hostilities have been declared. As a result of the great volume of added business that has fallen to the American embassies, all have had to request more money to employ additional assistants.

Russia Is Harassing Germany

LONDON, England, Aug. 24.—Russia's offensive operations against Germany are declared to have been brilliantly successful for the past few days. The Russian forces now occupy fifty miles of the German frontier.

AUSTRIA TO DISMANTLE CRUISER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Austria has agreed to dismantle the Kaiserin Elizabeth, which sailed from Yokohama for Kioochau on the opening of European hostilities. She is believed to be sailing for some neutral port where she may be interned and thus prevent Austria from becoming involved in Oriental fighting.

BRITONS HOLD THEIR GROUND.

LONDON, England, Aug. 24.—It is officially given out here that the British forces near Mons, Belgium, engaged the Germans all day and held their ground.

GERMANS WANT TO RE-TAKE MULHAUSEN.

BASEL, Switzerland, Aug. 24.—The Germans are renewing offensive operations against Mulhausen, Alsace, which was reoccupied by the French last week after severe fighting. ... VICHY NOW A WAR HOSPITAL.

VICHY, Allier Dept., France, Aug. 24.—The noted resort of Vichy is now one great war hospital. All the hotels have been converted into hospitals and are filled with wounded soldiers of the Allies.

Three French infantrymen, with heads swathed in bandages, were found playing marbles, using bullets from their wounds for the marbles. One of them said, grinning, "These don't roll very well but we can't be particular in time of war."

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